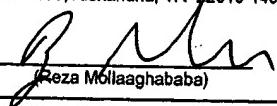


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action issued on January 25, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with this response. Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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